41

Attorney Docket No. IVD 978-2

cket No. IVD 978-2

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

re Application of: Maruani et al.

Serial No.:

10/044,531

Filed:

January 11, 2002

Group Art Unit:

1617

Examiner:

Jennifer M. Kim

FOR:

USE OF CENTRAL CANNABINOID RECEPTOR ANTAGONISTS FOR THE

PREPARATION OF DRUGS

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited on the date indicated below with the United States Postal Service as first class mail addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Name

Date

12/1/03 OFCEIVED

DEC 0 9 2003

TECH ULIVIER 1600/2900

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time for response beyond the original date for response as follows:

[]	One month extension	\$110.00
[]	Two months extension	\$420.00
[X]	Three months extension	\$950.00
[]	Four months extension	\$1,480.00
[]	Fifth months extension	\$2,010.00

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of this and any other fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0091.

Should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that the fee calculated in the above extension petition is insufficient to have this response considered as being timely filed, this constitutes a petition for extension of time for the minimum period to effect timely filing, and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee to said deposit account. This sheet is attached in **duplicate** for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

Address:

Sanofi-Synthelabo Inc. 9 Great Valley Parkway Malvern, PA 19355

Tele: (610) 889-8802 Facsimile: (610) 889-8799

Date: December 1, 2003

Michael D. Alexande Reg. No. 36,080

12/04/2003 CCHAU1

00000170 190091

10044531